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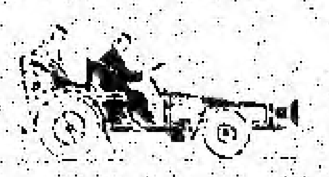

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Govt. Committee Appreciates Aid In Registration

Put Recommendat'ns To Prime Minister

VANCOUVER, Aug. 15. — Special registration of Japanese in British Columbia by the Federal Government is expected to be completed within two weeks, the Government Standing Committee on the Oriental situation announced this morning following a meeting here last night.

The committee includes Mayor F. J. Hume of New Westminster, chairman; Lt.-Col. Macgregor Macintosh, M.L.A., Col. A. W. Sparling, D.S.O., and Assistant Commissioner F. J. Meade, R.C.M.P., is submitting a series of recommendations to the Prime Minister, which will be made public shortly by that office. Fifth member of the committee, Prof. H. F. Angus, is at present with the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Spokesman for the committee, Col. Sparling, said that the committee wished to express its appreciation for the excellent co-operation R.C.M.P. officers had received from the community in the registration. The committee, he indicated, will continue to function in an advisory capacity, to inform the government as circumstances may warrant.

Weekly whirligig

By K. W.

Crabby Comments . . . . . We honestly don't like to be so crabby, but for once we're so disgusted that we think something drastic should be done to a couple of people who, it would seem, put those famous three monkeys of Japan to shame. They see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing!

One of them is the fisherman who disregarded the warning sign [illegible] at Sea Island airport, endangered the inbound plane from Victoria, gave all of us a black mark, and afforded Halford D. a chance to get up on his hind legs to howl again. If I remember correctly, this is about the third time the issue has been raised in the City Council, and still some dumb, stubborn fisherman has to stick our community neck out for us, just because he wants to grab the last possible fish. It may be true, as the Japanese fishermen say, that white fishermen invade this particular area and are just as much a danger as any Japanese fisherman. But the plain fact of the matter is that a white fisherman can get away with it; a Japanese fisherman can't!

Personally, we'd like to see the City Council go to town, as per Ald. [illegible]'s suggestion, and clap a [illegible] fine on the guilty party, throw him in jail for a month, and have his licence cancelled. One good stiff jolt might do all of us good in the long run.

The other incident concerns one of those nutty camera fiends, who has to set up a camera on a tripod to take a picture of his girl friend— so runs the press report. All very well, but why, oh why, must he choose a government-owned wharf just at this time as the scenic background. He may be innocent of sinister intentions, but nuts like that should be locked up for feeble-mindedness, if not nothing else.

Study in Contrast . . . . Toronto Star men Fred Griffin and Fred Davis took a lot of pictures hereabout. But tops in their minds was the one of a Japanese World War I veteran, who was twice decorated for bravery. They posed his 20-year old daughter beside him, holding up his medals, and they intend to point out that while he can vote, his Canadian-born daughter won't be able to, even when she comes of age.

Churchill and Roosevelt

Agree On Joint Pacific Policy

A working agreement governing policy in the western Pacific was believed to have been one of the main points discussed at the momentous conference between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt. It was described as a discussion of a "down-to-brass-tacks attitude," and was thought to cover the timing of a joint aggressive action, the mutual use of each other's bases, and the part the Soviet would be asked to play.

At the same time, point 4 in the joint declaration of the two leaders was regarded as significant, and as an alternative olive branch to Japan. This point offered freedom of world trade, with access to markets and raw materials for all countries. This is the particular case that Japan has pleaded in the past as the underlying factor in her foreign policy. Some doubt was attached to the value of this point however, owing to the attached qualifying phrase, "with due respect for existing obligations."

On the Newsfront

B. C. Salmon Pack Hits 5-Year High

NEW WESTMINSTER.—The British Columbia salmon pack for the first eight weeks of the 1941 season reached a five-year record high mark at 641,555 cases, and was only 105,091 cases below the total for the corresponding period of 1936.

Former Vancouver Girl Wins Prize for French

Martha Toda, former North Vancouver girl and University of British Columbia student, was awarded the Quebec Provincial Government prize for obtaining the second highest standing in one section at the French Summer School at McGill University, it was learned recently.

Miss Toda, who won first class standing, is at present a student at Smith College, noted girls' college in the state of Massachusetts.

Anglican Missionary to Take Up Work on Vancouver Island

VANCOUVER. — Beginning missionary work among the Japanese communities of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands shortly will be Miss H. Horibin, under the auspices of the Anglican Church. Miss Horibin returned from Japan not long ago, after carrying on mission work in that country for 15 years. She speaks Japanese fluently.

Alberta Nisei Honoured Before Departure Overseas

LETHBRIDGE.—Two young Nisei privates, Yoshiharu Higa and Joe Takahashi of Raymond, were guests of honour at a farewell dinner given by local residents, prior to their departure with a Canadian unit for service overseas. Both boys have been training in camp here for the past several months.

PATRIOTIC FILM SOON READY FOR RELEASE

Racial Groups Unite Behind War Effort

VANCOUVER.—The part that the Japanese Canadian group in British Columbia is carrying on on the home front behind the war effort will shortly be presented to the Canadian public via the silver screen, it was learned here today. Scenes of the Japanese community filmed here last April are now in Ottawa, where a government editorial board is preparing a new "Canada Carries On" feature for release.

This series of patriotic films is sponsored by the Canadian Government and contains the actual record of the manner in which Canada's war effort is going forward.

The Japanese scenes will be a part of the feature indicating how various racial groups throughout the nation are uniting solidly across the country in support of the war.

Government camera men took scenes of Japanese fishing on the Fraser River, of Japanese farmers at work on the strawberry farms of the valley, and of workers in the lumber industry.

Filmed in the city were scenes such as retail distribution through the corner confectionery, the language school and the kindergartens. Several feet of film were taken of the Japanese Canadian Red Cross unit in action.

A commentary on the film is now being prepared in Ottawa.

Columbia Pictures of Canada are handling the distribution of the film which is expected to be shown in leading local theatres in about a month's time.

Toronto Star Men "Covering" Local Japanese Situation

In the spotlight today is British Columbia's Japanese Canadian population. And people throughout Canada are anxious to learn just what is the actual situation out here on the Pacific Coast.

Such is the main reason why the Toronto Star Weekly is busy on a long article describing the inside story of the Japanese community. Fred Griffin and Fred Davis, star reporters and cameramen, came west with the Duke of Kent's party. They've stayed to write the story, and to take pictures for the big Toronto paper's rotogravure section.

Said Mr. Davis to The New Canadian: "We've been surprised to find out how little truth there is to the popular idea of a 'Japanese menace'."

The Star men are interviewing prominent citizens, both Japanese and Occidental; and visiting various centres for first-hand information. They are taking news shots of fishing, farming, lumbering and human interest scenes around the city.

Photographer Davis is the official photographer for the Dionne Quintuplets and for the past five years has been the only news photographer in Canada permitted to take pictures of the famous five.

Minister May Sail On Japanese Oil Tanker

LOS ANGELES.—Two Japanese oil tankers which waited here for a week, received permission Wednesday to take aboard full cargoes of low grade Diesel oil for Japan. They are scheduled to leave next Monday.

They are the Nichiei Maru, of the Asano Bussan Co., given permission to load 70,000 barrels, and the Otobasan Maru, of the Mitsui Line, which took on 75,000 barrels.

It was expected that Kaname Wakasugi, minister to Washington, who has been awaiting means to sail for Japan, would return home on the Nichiei Maru, indicating the extreme importance of his mission.

Far eastern expert, John Thompson, wrote in the San Francisco news that "Mr. Wakasugi's trip to Japan on a tanker is a sure indication of the seriousness with which the Japanese embassy in Washington considered the state of affairs between Tokyo and Washington. Japanese diplomats are punctilious and correct, and nothing short of a great emergency could have caused Minister Wakasugi to go home on a tanker."

Full Time Official To Aid U. S. Nisei Meet Present Crisis

SAN FRANCISCO—Meeting in a special emergency session, the national executive board of the Japanese American Citizens League Sunday voted to go all out to combat anti-Japanese feeling by hiring a full-time paid executive secretary, and endorsed Masaru Mike Masaoka of Salt Lake City for the post.

Action was taken to meet the grave situation in the Orient and the repercussions which may be felt by second generation citizens and Japanese residents of the U. S.

To the emergency meeting declared Saburo Kido, national president of the J.A.C.L., that the citizens league must provide the leadership in this critical period for the American Japanese both citizens and aliens.

"After building up our organization for the past ten years," he said, "the events of the last few months have created a situation in which the J. A. C. L. can fully justify its very existence."

National officers voted a $5,000 fund to defray expenses for maintaining a paid secretary and adopted a proposal to raise the sum from the four district councils in the league of 51 chapters.

Masaoka is expected to assume his new post from September 1 and will make his headquarters in San Francisco. During the past year he has been on the faculty of the University of Utah as an instructor in public speaking, but plans to secure a year's leave of absence to take the citizens' league position.

As a part of his duties he will visit all chapters as soon as possible to co-ordinate activities and improve contacts with American groups.

He will also endeavour to encourage greater support of the J.A.C.L. movement from the Issei and will assist in public relations work.

The new appointee has had a notable career in Salt Lake City, and was chosen "Nisei of the year 1940" in the national contest last year.

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The Responsibility of Tolerance

ISOLATED instances of how the feeling arising from the tenseness of the Pacific situation is being directed against local residents of Japanese descent are being reported with increasing frequency. Not the least outstanding or dishonourable of these attacks are those which are made by vested interests seeking to capitalize upon the situation for their own economic or political benefit.

Admittedly none of us ever expected that Japanese Canadians could come through this crisis without suffering from misguided attacks and slights. Nevertheless we cannot help but voice regret that innocent members of our group should be humiliated and insulted, either through prejudice or ignorance, simply because of events in the Far East. The plain and obvious fact of the matter is that we have had no more control over those events than the lowliest Canadian citizen.

But we voice not merely regret. Rather we plead now for an even greater degree of tolerance and good sense than has ever been true in the past. It is of utmost importance that local Japanese Canadians, who have sought recognition as a part of this country, who have struggled to win the right to count upon Canada as their country, should not now be discouraged and rebuffed in that struggle.

The Toronto Globe and Mail (in an editorial reprinted on this page) has put it up to Canadians in this way, that a heavy burden of responsibility for encouraging active loyalty and citizenship among minority groups rests upon the citizen himself. If it is true of Ukrainian Canadians in northern Ontario, how much more true is it of Japanese Canadians in British Columbia.

This is not to suggest for one moment that safeguards and precautionary measures should not be taken with the greatest care by established military and police authorities. But just as guarding against disloyal activity is their responsibility, so is the upholding of tolerance, cool-headedness and clear-thinking the responsibility of the average citizen.

Citizens' Leagues

THE appointment of a full-time paid executive secretary to grapple with grave problems of the moment is a significant indication that the Japanese American Citizens League, national organization of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, has fully come of age.

Established just ten years ago by the affiliation of several independent citizens' associations, the League has surmounted apathy, indifference and prejudice. Today it has so expanded in membership, activity and influence, that it ranks as the leading organization of Japanese Americans in the United States. It has now voted the sum of $5,000 toward the expense of maintaining a secretary who will spare no effort to aid the Japanese American group in the present critical situation.

Canadian Nisei this side of the 49th parallel will find encouragement and a stimulation of thought in the record that this organization of our American cousins has achieved. We have our own Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, far smaller in scope and size, much younger in years. But its purpose, one of service to ourselves, to our community, and to our country, is essentially the same.

There is a need for such an organization of citizens. The steady expansion of the J.A.C.L. is the positive evidence. Every intelligent Canadian Nisei ought to ask himself the question right now whether or not he is doing his part to enable the J.C.C.L. to point to an equal record on its tenth birthday, just five years hence.

Canada Doing Her Part

(From the Seattle Japanese-American Courier)

Answering veiled criticism that Canada is not doing her part in the present emergency, the British High Commissioner to the Dominion this week disclosed what he said are the facts. Speaking at Washington, Mr. MacDonald declared Canada is devoting 40 per cent of her national income to the prosecution of the war, and that 16 per cent of this sum is being used to pay for supplies sent to Britain.

"I have seen it said," continued the commissioner, "that Canada is asking Britain to pay cash on the barrel head for war supplies. This is not true. The taxpayers of Canada will pay $1,150,000,000 during the current year for supplies that are being given and lent to Britain. The idea that Canada is asking cash is a myth."

We believe this statement will go far to refute any suggestion that the Dominion is not doing its part in the present crisis of the Empire, but we confess we are unable to understand how such a report could have come about. The Dominion of Canada is the strongest pillar in the Empire. If this were to fall, then it would be indedd a sad day for Britain.

The statement of the high commissioner should clear the situation.

All That's Left-

By J. M.

(As a contributing columnist to The New Canadian, "J. M." is a Canadian-born second generation, at present employed as a mill worker. He has given much study to the question of the labor movement among Japanese Canadians, and we are pleased to present the first of his columns on this vital subject.)

SOME days ago this journal reported a meeting where the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League put itself up for self-criticism on the basis of a survey of the Nisei public. Labor problems were found to be of first interest as a meeting topic, and this interest is general throughout British Columbia for all of us who earn our living by the sweat of our brow.

SWEAT OF OUR BROW

We feel enheartened when the good editor honours us with an editorial in our favor, and when he writes a column explaining the paper's stand regarding the labor issue. No doubt he has been quite instrumental in making the topic of "Job Relations" one of the features of discussion at the coming J.C.C.L. National Convention. And much time can be spent on it to advantage, for this problem is the most serious and immediate that we have to face and attempt to solve.

But before solving any problem we must have a detailed understanding of the issues involved and the situation in which it is placed.

RACE OR ECONOMICS

Those of us who are working the mills and woods have for years and years been told that ours was a problem of race. Because we were Japanese and not white we had all our difficulties, and also we were led to believe that should we have been white, things for us would be fine and we'd have no worries. But when we stop to think about our problems we find that the foremost is how to make a living, as is shown in the recent J.C.C.L. survey. We want to be sure of a job and we want decent wages, and we don't want to have to work day and night. We want medical attention for ourselves and our families when we are ill and we want adequate compensation whenever we suffer injuries and are unable to work. And we find that these problems are not ours only but of all working people regardless of race. So we are led to believe that ours is not a problem of race fundamentally but an economic problem, shared with all other members of the working class—in other words, our main problems have their bases in the class problem which arises out of the capitalist system of ownership, production and distribution of wealth.

Our problem is a class problem, but made more severe and complicated by the racial factor; and any attempted solution to succeed will have to recognize its bases and work on them.

Working people by collective organization in trade unions have been bettering their conditions.

TRADE UNIONS

The future welfare of working people, ourselves included, depends on the trade union movement. To this movement we should give our wholehearted support and at no time be lost in racial clouds.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: In an article, "A Glance at the Nisei World", in your last week's issue, one of your staff writers seemed to think that the older Niseis in some way are better than the younger ones. That is because when they were younger they were much more idealistic and dreaming and ambitious than we are today.

I'd like to disagree with this idea. It seems to me that your writer may be getting to be a fogey of some kind, and is only looking at things from his own point of view. If he knew some of the boys and girls graduating from high school these days I think he would find them just as idealistic and ambitious as they were back in 1931 or 1932.

If you ask anyone casually what he plans to do you can't expect him to tell you all his plans for the future. So if he says he doesn't know the chances are he's just covering [illegible] up.

Your staff writer describes [illegible] realists. If that means we look [illegible] things squarely, I guess we are [illegible] realistic than you used to be. [illegible] that doesn't have to stop us [illegible] getting any "uplift" out of [illegible] from actually trying harder to [illegible] our ambitions.

The 'teen-aged boys and girls, those just around twenty or [illegible] one, have ideals too, and as [illegible] bitions. But they have seen [illegible] has happened to so many [illegible] older Nisei who didn't get any [illegible] for all their dreaming. So [illegible] we have to learn from what [illegible] before us. Maybe we don't [illegible] easily about the future and [illegible] bitions, but that certainly [illegible] mean that we haven't got any.

CLASS OF '4[illegible]

Vancouver

Misguided Racial Bigotry

(An Editorial from the Toronto Globe and Mail)

We must simultaneously deplore and condemn wholeheartedly [illegible] petty intolerance and obscurantist folly of a group of ratepayers [illegible] Ontario County, who have forced the resignation of Miss Mary Ko[illegible] from her position as school teacher at Hampton, near Oshawa. Within [illegible] month of her appointment before she had had an opportunity to [illegible] her abilities as a teacher, some ninety of them signed a petition [illegible] the dismissal of Miss Kozac, not on any grounds of incompetence [illegible] because "she was a foreigner, an Italian and a Catholic."

These allegations had not the slightest foundation, as Miss Ko[illegible] happens to be the Canadian-born child of Ukrainian parents, and [illegible] brother, who is serving overseas in the Canadian Army, furnishes [illegible] good proof of her family's loyalty to their adopted country.

To the credit of the trustees of the school district, they resign[illegible] in a body rather than become the instrument of such a foolish piece [illegible] injustice, but they have resumed office now that Miss Kozac, fin[illegible] her situation untenable, has voluntarily tendered her resignation. How[illegible] ever, one trustee, Mr. W. E. Craig, who maintains that of the [illegible] petitioners, fifty-five have no children and therefore no direct inte[illegible] in the school, and that some of the other signatories are not really [illegible] payers, feels so outraged by the episode that he refuses to reas[illegible] any responsibility for local educational policy.

The protesting ratepayers probably preen themselves upon being high-souled patriots who are purging our educational system of dangerous influences. But in reality their conduct brings discredit both upon their local community and upon the whole Province of Ontario, inasmuch as it reveals that we have in our midst exponents of a brand of racial intolerance and narrow bigotry which we had fondly hoped was a monopoly of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

If the possession of a foreign name were to be generally regard[illegible] as a bar to public employment, there would be some strange results [illegible] high places. Mr. J. T. Thorson could not continue as Minister of Nationa[illegible] War Services, Senator Euler would have to resign his seat in our Upp[illegible] Chamber, and Generals Hertzberg and Schmidlin would have to vaca[illegible] their important posts on our army's general staff.

It is also exceedingly unfortunate that a young woman of Ukrain[illegible] blood should have been the victim of such silly intolerance at this partic[illegible] ular juncture. The Nazis, both before and after their invasion of Russ[illegible] have been making special efforts to win the good-will of the populat[illegible] of the Ukraine, whose resources they want to control, and there is [illegible] evidence that their agents have been busy trying to stir up disaffect[illegible] among the substantial Ukrainian element in Canada—happily wi[illegible] any success.

Under such circumstances it is eminently desirable that [illegible] Ukrainians should be convinced that if they act as loyal Canadian citi[illegible] they will be accepted as such, and that no discrimination will be prac[illegible] against them on account of their racial origin. The misguided patriots [illegible] Hampton who signed the petition have done their best to prevent s[illegible] a conviction becoming rooted in the minds of our Ukrainian popula[illegible] but happily the more liberal-minded residents of another district [illegible] Columbus are doing something to redeem the reputation of Ontario [illegible] fair play by entrusting their school to Miss Kozac.

a short short

Two young Nisei insurance agents were arguing about whi[illegible] their companies was the more prompt in paying off policies. Roy [illegible] explaining at great length the efficent system of his company [illegible] no bother, no red tape.

Continued Roy: "If a man died tonight, his widow would [illegible] her check in the morning mail. How's that for service."

"Is that so"? answered Eddie. "Why that's nothing as com[illegible] with our company. Our office is on the 18th floor of the Marine B[illegible] ing. One of our clients had his offices on the 19th floor. Last we[illegible] fell out of his window."

"And I suppose you mailed the check before he hit the groun[illegible]" interrupted Roy sarcastically.

"Naw, nothing as slow as that," niftied Eddie. "We merely ha[illegible] him the check as he passed our window!"

The MUSIC BOX *with a.y.*

...will to come when a crowd won't stop to watch a brass band go by. And we need not go much further than the brasswinds in band to discover one of the main reasons for the strange fascination held by the brass band over its listeners. There's nothing stirs a listener more than the strident martial airs of the brasswinds.

BRASSES For the youngster, too, the brasses are manly instruments. Mention the subject of violin, piano, or ...band playing to him, and invariably he'll respond, "Phooey, sissy." But give him a trumpet or a cornet to learn and watch his eyes ...with delight.

The brasswinds are difficult instruments to master. They derive their ...from the vibrations made by the player's lips which are pressed against ...cup-like mouthpiece. Countless hours of steady practice are ...to get and keep those lips in playing condition. Cracked or sore ...-of-practice lips have wrecked the would-be brilliant performance of ...amateur (not excepting Vancouver's own city father, His Worship Mayor Cornett) and even a professional player.

Among the brasses in common use today are the trumpet, cornet, ...horn, trombone and tuba.

The trumpet (you all know it) is one of the oldest of instruments. ...dates back to the period of ancient Chinese and Egyptian ... Trumpets were also supposed to have blasted down the walls of ...for the Hebrews. In the middle ages this brasswind was in constant use. Today it is an indispensable instrument

TRUMPET for both the smphony and jazz orchestras. Some band leaders value its drive and blast so much that ...have enlarged their two-man trumpet section by adding two more. On the whole, trumpet players are accorded more recognition ...other members of the jazz playing fraternity. Harry James, Louis ...strong, Bunny Berigan, Ziggy Elman, Cootie Williams, Billy Butterfield, Roy Eldridge, Sonny Dunham, are trumpeters whose names need no ...duction to countless swing addicts.

The tone colour of the trumpet is extremely brilliant and well suited ...press martial glory. It is so powerful that a single one of its notes ...be noticed readily in passages even in the full symphony orchestra. ...the trumpets go to town in a jiving, jamming swing session, if a listener has sensitive ears, he had better be ready

TRUMPETS TONE COLOUR with protective ear muffs. The trumpet can be softened considerably but is best in clear, ringing tones which have an unmistakable stamp of royalty ...them. The difficulty to obtain this clear tone has proven an insurmountable obstacle of many a would-be trumpeter. A player may get ...with careless phrasing, sloppy technique, poor timing, "sour" notes ...woodwinds or strings but not on a trumpet. Mistakes on the ...stick out like a sore thumb and present one of the most ghastly ...ences any listener could undergo.

Provided with a "mute", the trumpet can achieve altogether different ...effects. A mute is a pear-shaped stopper which is made to fit into the ...of the trumpet. It reduces the tone in volume almost to a faint ...but does not alter the pitch of the instrument. On the other hand, ...blowing very hard a player can produce weird, pungent tones which ...familiar to popular music fans in the rendition of the "blues."

The cornet is a smaller cousin to the trumpet. Its tone colour, however, is not to be compared with that of the bigger brass. Except in the ...of a skilled player it tends to become coarse in tone. But it is so ...easier to play than the trumpet that many small symphony orchestras have admitted it to their ranks as a substitute for the

CORNET latter. For some unknown reason, perhaps due to its short, stubby size, there has arisen a strong prejudice ...the cornet although in respect to smooth tone-quality, easier-technique it is far superior to the trumpet in the playing of very difficult ...

More about the other brasses in a later issue.

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Mr. T. Komiyama In Last Summer Service

Mr. Takashi Komiyama will occupy the pulpit of the Junior Church for the last time this summer at the service this coming Sunday, August 17th, at 8 p.m., in the Powell United Church. He has chosen as the topic for the sermon "Alone in the Crowd."

This sermon will be based on the incident which took place when eJsus was on his way to heal a ruler's sick daughter.

Misses Fusako Inose and Kimiko Takimoto will render a duet.

RED CROSS *News Notes*

Sock Trouble

Sock trouble is with us again!!! Branch headquarters in the Marine Building are p l e a d i n g with a capital PLEASE, to have the socks knit just so.

The main faults with the socks we knit are these:

1. Knots.
2. Unspliced joining of wool ends.
3. Too loose knitting.

*As for knots: **Every knot in the wool must be broken and then spliced.**

*As for unspliced ends: The strands of wool at both ends of a joining knot must be spliced. **To splice:—Cut away about 3 inches of split half of a 4 ply yard. Then twist the two remaining halves together and knot as one strand. This prevents bulkiness.**

*As for loose knitting: If you find your sock is too loose use a size smaller in needles.

Two other things we should remember are that toes **must** be Kitchener finished and the few inches of wool left over must be threaded down and on the OUTSIDE of the sock.

Also, do not press the ribbing on any of the knitted articles.

Otherwise the Japanese Unit is progressing fairly.

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The Trinity Group under Yoshiko Tanabe met on Thursday night, August 14, to work together, bring in their unfinished work, and to take out new material. This is one of the largest Nisei groups we have, and has a good record for co-operation.

Remember to watch this column for the reports of your group and other groups.

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P.S. Remember splicing every knot, whatever the article.

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Nisei Dressmakers Should Ask For Higher Prices Says Mrs. Eaton

Nisei girls who have taken advanced training in dressmaking ought to expand on their school training, develop creative ability, and give their customers up-to-date service. So Mrs. Rex Eaton, administrator and officer of the Trades School Regulation Act, told the graduating class of the Marietta School of Costume Design at their annual graduation ceremony last Saturday.

Mrs. Eaton, who is also on the Board of Industrial relations and active in social and labor work, urged that graduates seek fair prices for their work. She felt that dressmakers have been working for too little for far too long. Training in the creative aspects of dressmaking qualified them to render services, which customers ought to be willing to pay for properly.

Some ten girls received their diplomas from their teacher, Miss Haruko Morishita, in a simple and quiet ceremony at Spencer's Dining Room, high above the hustle and bustle of busy city streets.

Mrs. Eaton told her listeners that the principal, Miss Morishita, could have been a financial success in the commercial side of costume designing, but that she had preferred to devote her talents to help others acquire the training she had received at the famous Chaumard Institution in Los Angeles.

Mitsuye Inaba gave a short address on behalf of the graduates, while Sima Ozawa spoke for former graduates. Fumi Ikeda was chairman for the occasion. After dinner dancing took place.

This year's graduates include Hideko Endo, Fumiko Ikeda, Mitsuye Inaba, Ayako Ishikawa, Yoshimori Kimura, Shizu Nishi, Kay Ranche, Sumiye Okuda, Ryuko Serizawa, Kuniko Sugaya and Sumiyo Suzuki.

Powell Vacation School Starts Next Monday

Powell United Church will conduct its Vacation School for young boys and girls, commencing Monday, August 18, and continuing for five days to August 22.

The daily program will begin at 9 each morning, with worship, followed by music, recreation, Bible study and notebook works, and end with the most popular handicraft period at 12 noon.

Miss Setsu Shimotakahara will be in charge of the junior girls, Mrs. M. Matsui, the primary department, and Mr. Takashi Komiyama will head the boys section. Each teacher will be assisted by a staff of capable workers.

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★ American Niseiana ★

A COUPLE of weeks ago we released through this column figures on the ideal figure for a Nisei girl, based on data from Seattle's ten Nisei queen contestants. Perhaps you remember, the Nisei Venus de Milo was just 5 feet 1.9 inches, and weighed in at exactly 108.9 pounds. As a result of our

OF FIGURES AND FACTS

setting up these standards, for two weeks or so we haven't been on speaking terms with several young damosels, who consider our suggestions rank impudence. That's why we welcome additional proof in the classic beauty-fest of all Nisei-ville—the famous Los Angeles festival queen contest, acknowledged far and wide as tops in this line. Our statistical investigations reveals that the ideal is just 5 feet, 2.5 inches tall, and tips the scales at 111 pounds. Inch for inch, moreover, there is only .03 percentage points difference between the Southern California composite and the Pacific Northwest rep. All we need now to complete the investigation is a local contest. How about the J.C.C.L. picking a Convention Queen? We've a few nominees to submit.

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NISEI natators from Hawaii once again have proved that the color-of-your skin doesn't have to influence your swimming ability. They took the spotlight in the National U.S. Amateur Athletic Union tank meet held last week in St. Louis, and a Japanese swimming coach, Soichi Sakamoto, emerged

NISEI CAUSE BIG SPLASH

from the three day meet, acknowledged master of the coaching art. Sakamoto's Hawaiian lads, including Orientals, Filipinos and Occidentals, piled up one of the biggest scores in National A.A.U. competition. They galloped off with their third straight national title, won eight of the twelve races in the three day meet, established two American records, and produced Bill Smith, Jr., who was judged the swimmer of the year. Sakamoto's squad will go on from there to take in different swim classics of the U.S., including the national A.A.U. women's championships, and the west coast championships. Where, or where, is our Nippon Aquatic Club?

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BEHIND the news . . . . . "An old lady got aboard a crowded bus. She looked for a seat but was unable to find one. The Nisei boys near her did not budge; they were contended. The day, however, was saved when a Japanese U.S. serviceman

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stood up and offered her a seat. She smiled in approval and sat down—a very pleased woman. Chalk up a dirty black mark against the Nisei! . . . . And among queer things: A couple of boys were awfully hot and bothered because 'their' girls went out on dates with Nisei U. S. Servicemen. The boys talk like they own the girl!"—B.F. in "Main Street" . . . . . "A movement was afoot in December to limit and eventually prohibit the use of the English language in Japan. Foreign office spokesman announced he would grant his press interviews in English; cafes, bars, restaurants took down signs in English; Nisei overheard conversing in English were reprimanded by total strangers, told to use Japanese or they'd be reported to the police. Meanwhile, bus girls continued with "orai" (all right) for "go" and "stoppu" (stop), and waitresses taking your order for a coup of tea, said "wan chee", not "mizu" or "tohiya" for water but "uota". And if you want coffee without cream, it's "burakku".—Dick Takeuchi in "Sidelights."

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Morals Group Meets

The committee to draft a study agenda for a September meeting of the discussion group on the community problems, "Home Education Before and After Marriage," and "Boy-Girl Relations Before Marriage," will be gathering Monday, August 18, at the Minshu Hall under the sponsorship of the Camp and Millworkers Union.

Presenting the young people's point of view will be Shima Ozawa, Mitsuye Sasaki, Takeo Nishizaki, Hideo Yoshida, Takeo Kitamura, Kunio Shimizu and Yoshimitsu Higashi.

Wilson Charged with Political Propaganda

A renewed anti-Japanese attack by Ald. H. D. Wilson — this time for alleged late closing of confectioneries and dry cleaning establishments — met with a sharp accusation from Ald. John Bennett Tuesday that he was indulging in "political propaganda."

"City Council will support legitimate things, but not the kind of political propaganda you keep shooting off here," said Ald. Bennett.

The matter arose as the result of a communication from a large dry-cleaning firm asking for strict enforcement of the 6 p.m. closing by-law applicable to the industry.

Ald. Wilson declared that Japanese - operated establishments confectioneries as well as dry-cleaning outfits—were the worst offenders.

"They're all open selling goods after hours," he complained.

"All the business they do after hours in comparison with the turnover of one of these big grocery chains wouldn't amount to a hill of beans," Ald. Bennett returned. "If they didn't stay open they'd starve to death."

The original request for enforcement of the by-law was forwarded to the chief of police and the Police Commission.

Mail Still Goes To Japan via Clipper

SAN FRANCISCO—Increase in air traffic between America and the Orient is expected with the cancellation of shipping listings.

Pan-American clipper ships are now the only available mode of transportation across the Pacific following a regular scheduled run. They leave from San Francisco Tuesday of each week for Manila and Hong Kong.

Flying rates to Honolulu via the Clipper at $210, to Manila $739, and to Hong Kong $760.

Clipper ships are still carrying mail, so that letters may still be sent to Japan in this way. Postal rates from Vancouver, B.C., to Tokyo is $.90 for the first half-ounce.

At the same time it is believed that passage across the Pacific may yet be arranged on a number of tankers crossing the Pacific.

No Time to Stagnate

(Ed. Note.—This article is the third in a series of publicity releases on the Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens League prepared by publicity chairman Kinzi Tanaka.)

Hello Friends!

The results of the recently conducted J.C.C.L. questionnaire brought to light several things of interest. Firstly, to the majority of intelligent, conscientious Nisei, the J.C.C.L. is recognized as a necessary organization and its aim to foster good understanding between ourselves and our fellow Canadians is heartily approved. This endorsation of the J.C.C.L. and its purpose for existence should give membership and the executive added conviction that we are a vital body in our community. This is further brought out by the fact that parents that know the organization also recognize its necessity. Understanding this approval we must not rest there, we must not rest on past achievements or gains but strive to better our organization accordingly, that we may be capable in furthering the welfare of the Nisei. This is a job worth doing and a job worth your help and support, being in your vital interest.

The Membership

Regarding the present membership, it is interesting to note that the past criticisms of the J.C.C.L. being a "snobbish group" comes from a small percentage and even among these that feeling is not really sincere. Rather, that impression comes not from the idea that some of the members are trying to act better or superior than they actually are, but from the fact that many of us are shy and bashful and even backward. This gives others the impression of self-centredness and coldness which is mistaken for general unfriendliness. Now how can we overcome this difficulty? The answer of course is to be more sociable. Easy? No, it is not easy, it takes time. It means attending meetings regularly and to become familiar with others. It means a little individual initiative in taking an interest in your fellow members, get to know who they are, and this feeling of unfriendliness will soon disappear. The executive have set up a reception committee to make new members and visitors welcome and be made to feel at home. This business of sociability is just a part of good club manners; just the same as coming to the meeting on time. This is very important because the growth of our club depends directly on the healthiness of our club spirit, and we must grow to be a leading and progressive organization.

The Executive

The questionnaire also shows that although over fifty per cent of the returns show confidence in the present executive, there are still others who are doubtful. This means that every member of the executive is not doing his job or taking his share of responsibility. This is bad and can only be improved by the members jogging the executive. It is our duty to criticize the executive when they are lax just as much as it is your duty to support them in their endeavours. When we achieve this form of co-operation, our club will be really moving ahead.

The "Be On Time" Habit

At the last meeting it was very heartening to the executive to see the wonderful support they received by the members on the "Be on Time" campaign. It makes us all feel good. Now, let's make it a habit. The turnout was splendid, too; over sixty people present for July is really good. Let's make the August meeting just as successful.

Membership Campaign

The executive is working on a membership campaign which will probably include the publishing of literature on the J.C.C.L., contests with prizes and perhaps a banquet to top it off. Anyway, we have lots to do in the future and therefore won't have time to stagnate.

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en just last year by one an's foremost present- ywrights, it played be- packed house, and its version scored a big hit. e recalls the vigourous ations of the social plays amed Norwegian drama- nrik Ibsen; and is in the f the modern trend of iting in Japan today.

story revolves around rger of two financial s in Marunouchi, To- Vall Street, and the play flicting forces that take right up to the climax the smaller company s that it is not to its own age to amalgamate with rger firm. Swept into ic maelstrom are the lives of ordinary human beings, which the writer depicts with telling effect.

Directed by the Nisei Capra, Frank Nakamura, the play features the child star, Isai Arima, and the veterans Roy Kumano, Matt Matsui, Harry Kondo, Toshio Bando, Akinori Horiuchi, Toshio Hashimoto, Rinzo Amemori, George Shishido, Shigeo Kawasaki and Kiyoshi Suga. A notable addition is Kaz Suga who has starred in past Koryo and Hompa productions. Upholding the girls' end will be Molly Madokoro, Shima Ozawa, Mitsuye Sasaki, Sachiko Inouye and Edythe Akazawa.

The players will be meeting tonight at the School Hall where they will be assigned their roles in their initial practice session.

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C.C.F. Leader To Address Next J.C.C.L. Meeting

VANCOUVER. — Arnold Webster, prominent Co-operative Commonwealth Federation leader, and city Park Commissioner, will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens League, it was announced last night.

Originally scheduled for August 28, the meeting has had to be postponed until September 11, Thursday evening, and members and the public are requested to note this change.

Preliminary plans for the fall membership campaign were mapped out at a meeting of the executive last week, when Mas Endo and Shoichi Takayama were named to lead the Fairview division; Eiji Yatabe and Yoshio Terada the Kitsilano section, and Dr. George Ishiwara, Harry Kondo and Miss Kazuko Kagawa the Vancouver Centre drive.

Interest in the "On-to-Victoria" movement is mounting rapidly, it was revealed, and a large number of members will make the trip to the capital city to attend the first out-of-town National Convention.

Labor Day Hop To Be "Strictly Sports"

Strictly sports, strictly informal, will be the motif for the annual Labor Day dance to be sponsored by the Nippon Tennis Club, on September 1.

The club committee is seeking to secure the services of a new orchestra from the Coconut Grove night spot to jam and jive at the White Rose ballroom for the occasion.

Dancing will go on from 9 to 1 a.m., and tickets are priced at one buck a couple. Drawings for the war savings certificates will be held during the evening, the club committee announces.

The social event will wind up the B. C. Open Tennis championships to be held at the Nippon Courts over the week-end.

U.B.C. Alumni Note

Copies of the Japanese Alumni Association Bulletin are now available to all graduates of U. B. C., and may be obtained at the office of Dr. E. C. Banno, 193 East Hastings St.

Please drop in and pick your's up as soon as possible. Ten cents is being requested, toward the cost of publication. The treasurer will also welcome the payment of fees for the current year.

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TOWN TOPICS

● Yada-Hirano Nuptials

One of the season's loveliest weddings was solemnized last Saturday at St. James Anglican Church, when the Rev. G. G. Nakayama united in marriage Miss Kimiyo Hirano and Mr. George Yada. The bride-elect, who is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hirano, was attended by Mrs. S. Ozawa, matron of honour, and Miss Amy Yamazaki and Miss Mary Mizuhara as bridesmaids. Mr. Tada Uwate supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the groom, where congratulatory speeches were heard from Mr. G. Yada and Mr. K. Shoji, while words of thanks were tendered by Mr. S. Nishimura and Mr. S. Ozawa. Mr. and Mrs. S. Mizuhara were the baishakunins.

The happy couple left for a two weeks' honeymoon trip to Banff.

● Hamasaki-Shigematsu

Of interest to their friends both in Vancouver and Woodfibre was the quiet wedding, on Sunday, August 10, when Sumiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shigematsu, of Vancouver, became the bride of Mr. Hiroshi Hamasaki, of Woodfibre.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the newly-married couple and their friends was held at the Fuji. The nakodos for the event were Rev. and Mrs. K. Shimizu, and Mrs. I. Shigematsu.

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● Betrothal

Presaging an October wedding, at a betrothal party at the Fuji last Saturday evening, August 9, Mr. and Mrs. K. Oike of Haney, announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Yoshiko, to Mr. Tooru Kubo, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kubo, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Watanabe, Mr. and Mrs. I. Sugiman are the baishakunins.

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● Houseparty

Miss Yae Suzuki was a charming hostess to a group of her friends at a small informal dance party at her home, 526 Alexander Street, last Saturday evening, August 9.

● Powell Y.P.S. Executive

Maxwell Rae, president of Chown Memorial Y.P.S., and citizenship convenor of the Greater Vancouver Young Peoples' Union, will be the guest speaker at the weekly summer executive meeting of the Powell United Y.P.S. on Wednesday evening, August 20, commencing 7:45 p.m. Mr. Rae's subject will be "Christian Citizenship."

This meeting will be the fifth in the series planned by the executive, and will be held at the home of Miss Kay Yasunaka, 2696 Trinity Street.

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● Weiner Roast

Mm .... Mm .... Can't you smell that coffee, the weiners and the onions already? Well, come and get it at the Powell United Y.P.S. Weiner Roast to be held at Indian Head on August 16, at 8:30 p.m. Flashlights, spoons and cups are all you need for this shindig.

Place your reservations with Kiyo Obokata, High. 1307-L.

Members and friends may go to the Beach directly or may meet at the Church by 7:45 p.m. sharp. Take the No. 12 or No. 4 street car and get off at Cypress Street and walk north to the beach. A glowing campfire will await you.

If the weather is doubtful, or if it rains on that evening, the weiner roast will be cancelled. So make your reservations now, and keep your fingers crossed for a lovely moonlit night!

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● Welcome Home

Mr. Shigeo Nishimura, member of the Hompa Y.M.B.A., who recently returned from Japan, was honoured by his friends at a welcome tea on Wednesday evening, August 13, at the Bussei Kaikan, commencing at 8 p.m.

Welcome home, Shigeo!

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● Kitchen Shower

Miss Kay Sasaki, popular August bride-elect, will be guest of honour at a kitchen shower given by her friends at the home of Miss Setsu Shimo - Takahara, 4055 Francis Street, on Saturday evening, August 16, at 8 p.m.

● Feted

Miss Hide Hyodo entertained a group of friends at a delightful informal tea last Tuesday evening, August 5, at her home, 6751 Victoria drive, in honour of Miss Shigeno Fujikawa, who recently returned to the city from Victoria.

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Femme Fare

By CINDERELLA

There are some people who adore writing letters but the majority of us have the habit of putting the dread duty off . . . and off . . . and off . . . until comes the day when we are finally forced to sit down, gnash our teeth and begin "Dear so and so, please excuse me for not having written to you sooner." With a twitch of conscience, too, knowing very well that our dear correspondent knows as well as we do, that it was a case of sheer laziness.

If we fully realized how much pleasure a letter can give, we would pay a little more attention to letter writing. After all, it takes as much time and effort to write a sloppy, uninteresting letter as to pen one which uniquely expresses one's personality.

Cut and Dried Versus Distinction

Say you receive a gift and being a lady who knows, you wish to acknowledge it. The ordinary letter goes like this—and we have all done our goodly share of scribbling cut and dried epistles—"Thank you so much for the pretty handkerchief case you sent me for my birthday. It was kind of you to think of me." Of course the note is socially correct, and any sort of acknowledgement is better than none, but surely, you, everyone of us have distinct personalities, so why not express it?

Let's try again. "Imagine my surprise to find the postman waiting for me this morning with an intriguing parcel for my birthday. Pearl Buck has said how amazingly a little event will change one's outlook. When I received your dainty little handkerchief case I thought of just that. You cannot imagine how your delicate, quaint gift lifted the Monday morning blues. Thank you so much, Mary, for remembering me."

What kind of an individual rises before your mind's eye . . . someone who is well read, someone who is aware of and loves expressive words, someone who appreciates the thoughtful little gestures and is not afraid to express that appreciation. The letter is only a short note . . . but it has personality.

Do You Have to Be Untidy?

But personality in a letter isn't everything. A girl with all the personality in the world would not "click" if she is untidy in the little things. So with correspondence. Doesn't it make you shiver when you think back to those sloppy, blot-sprinkled pages, the scratched out phrases, and the highly tinted paper that some fond aunt gave you and which just had to be used up, not to mention the office paper, the yellow second sheets surreptitiously acquired to answer long outstanding letters!

The stationery should be the best that you can afford. Never use highly colored paper. White, pearl gray, very pale tinted paper are in good taste. And ruled paper is definitely out of the question. Leave that to the kindergarten child. No erasures, scratches or blots, please! Social letters are in their most correct form when written by hand, but in this day and age, more and more typewritten letters are becoming acceptable. Only, never ever sign your name on the typewriter. And, as for the set-up of a social letter, any etiquette book will give the details as to addressing, heading, salution, body, closing and signature. Don't forget to look it up, now!

Taking it for granted that you are aware of the mechanical part of a letter . . . a social letter . . . let's pick out the most common errors in social letter writing.

After the salutation, which is just "Dear So and So," then comes the period of pen-chewing, of scratching out words, of grinding the teeth. And the old stand-by, that perennial stereotyped opening, rears its head. "Please excuse me for the long delay" . . . "I must be in your black books by now" . . . "I have been hectically busy for the last few weeks"—such sentences fill up the first half-inch of paper space. Avoid opening with an apology. Plunge at once into what you have to say. The less said about your neglect the better.

And for goodness sakes, have something to say. The first requisite of a good letter is having something to say. We're all so guilty of having written at some time or another—"There just isn't any news, but I promised to write so here I am." You're only implying the fact that writing is a necessary duty, and by hook or by crook, you will keep to your promise . . . even if you die in the attempt. There is always something to write about—the world is alive with life and excitement—and taking in the personality of the correspondent, it is up to you to select that which will be interesting to him. You would never think of visiting a friend and saying, "Well, here I am, I came to visit you since I hadn't anything more interesting to do."

And how often have we begun letters with "It's nearly time for the office to close so I shall have to hurry with this letter to you," or "While waiting for John to come home for dinner, I'll try and get this letter off to you," or "Since there's a moment's lull in the office, I'm scribbling this letter to you." Surely your correspondent is worth more than a few minutes spare time in your life!

Never write "Please excuse my scribble." You are only admitting that you are really capable of more neatness but too impatient or too lazy.

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Letters and Interviews

(Under special arrangement with The New Canadian, Toru Matsumoto will conduct this column of "Letters and Interviews", which will tell of activities being carried on among second generation, particularly in the eastern United States. Mr. Matsumoto is the general secretary of the Japanese Students' Christian Association, with offices in New York City.)

A Letter from the J.S.C.A.
to the Public Affairs Committee,
Japanese Association of New York.

Since the situation of seeking re-employment for the Nisei members of our Japanese community is serious as well as general among all our young people in New York, the Japanese Students Christian Association is planning to meet the emergency by inviting the participation of both the Young Japanese Christian People's Federation and the Tozai Club.

Let me explain that the Inter-Council Committee on Japanese Christian work, with whose members we are most closely working now, is a group organized in March of this year by the official action of the Home Missions Council of North America and the Foreign Missions Conference, with the Federal Council of Churches as the go-between.

The whole set-up is based upon one very interesting factor, that is, that almost all foreign mission boards which had maintained missions in Japan are now receiving most of their missionaries to Japan increased, the concern of the Christian groups in this country naturally turned to the welfare and safety of the Japanese people in America.

For the past fifty years the Home Missions of major denominations have maintained Christian work among our people, but due to the situation the demand for more attention has increased. Here comes in the opportunity for the interest boards and missionaries to utilize the channels of the Home Mission Boards and express their concern by helping the Japanese people living in the United States. Considerable work has already been done by various churches, and the Reformed Church in America is giving full time service of one, Miss Helen Zander, to work among the Japanese young people in New York City.

It is not only these mission organizations that are keenly interested in our problems; both the national and city Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. organizations are inquiring as to what they can do to help.

Through these new and old channels we hope to open new vocational fields for our young people so that they will be placed at positions that are secure and free from the exigencies of international affairs.

As the Japanese community here in New York hopes to establish itself more permanently, this, I believe, is the best way in which the generation that will carry the main burden of our community will find a source of much more permanent economic strength. Now that we are faced with this general problem, this is the time I believe, to call up and put together all the human and material resources that are available.

This is 'Our Town'

By STAFF WRITER

THIS is our town—a little cosmopolitan world where nothing and everything happens. "Our Town" is not a very big place—several blocks of congested living, of gaudy neon signs, of Japanese music, slant-eyed people and their Canadianized offsprings.

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Our town is not particularly beautiful, I'll admit, especially in the daytime . . . a squat-set woman with stolid face haggling over the price of fish in a fish-store . . . several women stridently gossiping with other women across the street, in high falsetto, with several big-eyed youngsters in tow . . . the family wash strung across the roofs . . . Japanese jazz blatantly pouring out into the street . . . loiterers making a game of spitting from the door-ways of rooming houses . . . the agitated walk of a delirium tremens . . . children jabbering in Japanese . . . and rows of old buildings with one or two modern stores, like unwelcome guests from Shaughnessy down in the east end on a slumming party . . . pert Nisei girls behind counters, looking like so many Canadian girls . . . corner store loungers, swearing in the latest modern manner . . . dust and noise and grime . . . and the loading and unloading of trucks . . . and over all, that unmistakable odour of our town . . . takuwan, fish and the smell of impure air coming up from the sea.

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There's nothing very much for the eyes of a stranger that might come walking along the streets of our town. No doubt he'll comment on the congestion of the living quarters, the uninteresting features of the town church, the poor sewerage system, the quaintness of Japanese dolls on display, and the weird Oriental food on display. He will not remember the strange conglomeration of aromas that is "Our Town."

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The rhythm of "Our Town" can only be caught at night, in the muted stillness of a summer night.

There is beauty here, if one would only stop and look. Northward, rising like dark sleeping animals, the deep bluish hills sprawl leisurely, with the twinkling lights of the north shore resting on their deep-wooded bosom. The ball park on the corner becomes a brooding thing, sequestered by trees, no longer just a ball-park, but a place to be skirted around gingerly, a little mysterious, a little dangerous. But it is the face of the town itself that stands out in all its synthetic glory, a brave and glittering thing, gaudy with neon lights, gayly beckoning, drawing the people about town like a magnet.

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There is "devil-may-care" in our town, a carelessness born of a thousand different situations . . . and when the street becomes deserted of practical daytime activity, and the rumbling of streetcars becomes fainter and fainter until it is but a suggestion of sound, laughter breaks forth . . . laughter on the lips of an old man, turning into a side street, swaying on his heels, addressing a telephone pole in an idiom all his own, a strange human derelict, finding laughter in a glass of froth . . . laughter from the lips of loiterers, the galahads of night, attempting a pick-up . . . laughter from the youth at the jukeboxes, beating a mad tempo, blowing cigarette rings . . . laughter in the quips that a Nisei girl dishes out to fresh adolescent youth playing the man about town.

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There is ugliness in our town . . . *bums sitting on the steps of* darkened buildings . . . a thin wisp of a girl with a smear of red on her lips, and a furtive look in her eyes, waiting on a street corner, unashamed . . . a sidewalk temptress with a gold-filled toothy smile, lurking in the shadows of a red light, waiting . . . beckoning.

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There is hope in the streets of our town . . . *children coming home* late from school . . . tired girls going home with wan faces, but yet ready with a joke on their lips . . . a girl and boy in a dimly lighted doorway making sweet discoveries . . . cigarettes and coffee, despite further several more hours of drudgery . . . a lone light in a darkened building.

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There is courage in our town . . . *in the attitude of its people* in the matter-of-fact calmness in the face of events . . . in the quiet adjustments to constant change.

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ning was enjoyed by the more cold-blooded he group . . . all dig- cast aside, with the e participation in 'Lon- ge' and Farmer's in the king the affair a model y . . . red-hots smoth- onions and mustard, the cob, dripping with piping hot coffee and toasted marshmallows e evening complete . . . gs and fireside chats in- to top it all off — the evening was made to order, calm and warm, with a near full moon high in the heavens to add that final romantic (?) touch.

It was a tired and contented lot that piled into cars for the trip home in the wee hours.

Visitors from Chemainus to drop in on the picnic were Miss Toshi Yoshida and Miss Kawahara, Bill Isoki and Tommy Kawahara.

Chemainus vs. Cumberland

The Chemainus Nippons will be travelling to Cumberland this Sunday, August 17, to play the Royston Lumber for their usual annual baseball game. It will be played at Cumberland Athletic Field at 2 p.m.

"Femme Fare"

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ourself. And anyway, your correspondent has eyes, too.

"30" As It Should Be Written

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Langara Champ Almost Ends Up Chump

Doubles Duos Spark Nips To Overdue Win

At long last a win! The Vancouver and District League Nippon netters came through with a victory in their last chance against the New Westminster Tennis Club . . . score 4-3.

Getting the credit for the win was the Nippon's double combinations. Veteran K. Matsubayashi and smashing Shig Ouye, Fred Sasaki and Shig Yamashita formed smooth-working doubles teams and took away every set from the Royal City duos.

However, the Nippon's highly touted individual players Tommy Iwasaki and Johnny Tanaka dropped their singles and the combined to the New Westminster club.

Results—Matsubayashi-Ouye bt. Robertson-Zoellner 6-3, 6-1; and Barnes-Platt 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Sasaki-Yamashita bt. Barnes-Platt 6-4, 6-2 and Robertson-Zoellner 6-4, 6-2; Johnson bt. Tanaka 10-12, 6-1, 6-4; Robertson bt. Iwasaki 6-4, 6-1; Johnson-Robertson bt. Iwasaki-Tanaka 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Japanese Loop

Union Fish Loom As Champs Again

Defending champions Union Fish had no difficulty in solving what George Yoshinaka and Yo Nishimura had to offer from the Powell Drug hillock Sunday as they took the first round of the best-out-of-three finals with a 15-8 decision.

The Union Fishers had no respect whatever for an Asahi chucker (as George is alleged to be) and during his short period of not quite 2 innings on the druggists' mound, the champs belted him for 5 hits and 8 runs. Of course the three walks he issued and his teammates' 2 errors had a lot to do with the 8 runs.

Powell Drug was playing a hard-hitting game too, for until the sixth, Yuki Uno's boys were actually connecting with speedball artist Duke Kusano for 11 hits to 10, but they were leaving too many men stranded on the bases.

The score stood still at 11-8 until the seventh when Yo Nishimura allowed a hit and two walks to fill the bases, and then "boom"!—George Suzuki connected with one of his lusty bambino swings for a four-run homer to wash away whatever hopes the drug store boys had of winning the game.

Tommy Sawayama relieved Duke Kusano in the 8th and allowed no hits.

Powell Drug—Shishido, ss (1-4); Ohashi, 2b (2-5); Mitsui, c (2-5); Uno, 1b (2-4); Nishimura, lf, p (2-5); Tanaka, cf (0-5); Yasui, 3b (1-2); Inouye, rf (0-1); Kosai, lf (0-4)—11 hits.

Union Fish—Tanaka, ss (3-6); Akiyama, 1b (0-2); Marono, c (2-3); Suzuki, cf, lf (2-5); Kusano, p (2-5); Sawayama, p; Yanagizawa, lf, cf (1-5); Sugiyama, rf (1-4); Arakawa, 3b (1-5); Toyota, 2b (0-4)—15 hits.

Score by Innings:		R	H	E
Powell Dg.	204 200 000—	8	11	3
Union Fh.	452 000 40x—	15	15	3

'B' Favorite Falter; Tanaka Ousts Miyasaki

Shooting the first under-par golf this year to tie Herb Tanaka's Japanese record at Langara of 71, "Jackson" Katsukawa qualified to repeat for the title of "champ" Sunday, but before the day was over slim George Ogino had almost changed it into "chump". As it was the defending champ had to pull out all the tricks in his bag in the first round of match play to go one up on the nineteenth, to barely stay in the running.

In next Sunday's semi-final round, Pat Nimi, who eliminated K. Tsuyuki 1 up, will tackle the champ. The never-ruffled George Isogai, who won his way into the second round by trimming Miura 4 and 3, will take on the winner of the Herb Tanaka-Jimmy Suzuki match.

A mild upset was recorded when Reg Yasui, the No. 4 player of the club, failed to make the grade.

In the "B" flight, three rank outsiders, Charlie Tanaka, Z. Kinoshita and "Dutch" Shimada ousted the more favoured players to gain the match play round along with defending champion Frank Miyasaki, pre-tourney favourite George Tanaka, Sadao Maikawa, Otto Matsui and Tom Yoshida.

The three, however, fell by the wayside in the tough hole for hole grind, as Matsui dusted off "Letty" Shimada 5 and 4, Yoshida knocked out newcomer Kinoshita, 3 and 1, while Maikawa disposed of Charlie Tanaka, 4 and 2.

George Tanaka stroked his way to an easy victory over Miyasaki, matching par for par and cashing in on his steady play to finish off 5 and 4.

Feature Match

Ogino made a gallant bid and all but knocked Katsukawa right out of the play and his chance for a second grand slam of northwest golf. Two down at the 13th, and his second shot lying behind a tree, while Ogino was on with two, Katsukawa recovered beautifully with a niblick to halve the hole with a par.

This seemed to have been the turning point, as the champ took the next two holes to square the match. Ogino went one up again on the 16th; and gambling for a par on the 17th chipped his ball with a 4-iron from off the green right into the hole 20 feet away, thus halving the hole.

"A" FLIGHT

Katsukawa over Ogino—1 up on the 19th.

Nimi over Tsuyuki—1 up.

Isogai over Miura—4 and 3.

Tanaka and Suzuki — Not played.

"B" FLIGHT

G. Tanaka over Miyasaki—5 and 4.

Matsui over Shimada—5 and 4.

Yoshida over Kinoshita—3 and 1.

Maikawa over Tanaka — 4 and 2.

One down and needing a win on the last hole to square the match, Katsukawa put all he had into his drive to land about 25 yards from the green, a near 300-yard tee shot. Ogino, yards behind, shot first to come within 15 feet of the pin. Katsukawa's chip faltered a bit, leaving him a 20 footer for a birdie. Back to the wall and nothing to lose the champion uncorked his "Sunday" special and sank it for the needed birdie. Ogino, for all his trying, couldn't match it.

The match was decided there. The 19th was merely a routine, Ogino, with the pressure on himself for the first time, wilted and dubbed his drive to lose out to a par. It was an uphill fight all the way for the defending champion, who never led and tied up the game at only three points.

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Can Union Fish make it two straight? . . . . Probable answer, yes! No matter how hard one tries to convince himself that Powell Drug is a pennant team, he's probably only kidding himself. From the standpoint of hitters and pitching department the defending champs have it all over the druggists.

Comparing chuckers for instance, Union Fish has 'Duke' Kusano and Tommy Sawayama, two Hammond aces, while manager Yuki Uno can rely only on George Yoshinaka and Yo Nishimura. If these two are as unreliable as they were last Sunday, well Messrs. Shaw and Hoshino may as well kiss the Ishii Cup goodbye.

Asahis Staying Home

By the way, if It doesn't go to the third game, it looks like the Japanese leagues will be able to complete their playoffs this Sunday. The scheduled Chemainus trip is still in the air and the final series of the international game with Fife Nippons for the Northwest title has been shifted until after Labor Day so that it will not conflict with the big J.A.C.L. confab in Seattle on the same day. Manager Roy Yamamura received a phone call from Mission last Wednesday inviting the Asahis to play an exhibition game there this coming Sunday, but with the crucial playoffs looming near, it is probable that the Nipponese reps will not be taking any more invitations.

This Sunday's Japanese League starts at 11:00 o'clock sharp!

Reviewing the Burrard Layout . . . . The big league down at Powell Grounds is certainly packing them in and are really wowing their patrons with classy games. To see some of the local baseball bigwigs playing, you needn't go all the way to Bob Brown's park on 6th Avenue, for you can see them right here in the middle of Nihonmachi. Big names, players we used to idolize when we ourselves were playing our own sandlot baseball with 15c balls. Coley Hall, Bert Mann, Ed Henry, Billy Adshead and scores of others perform right here in Burrard League.

The Asahis haven't had such tough opposition since the days of the old Con Jones Park regime. They have all the excitement, the boners and good plays that an average minded ball fan crave for. For instance, look at the Pats, they were so far down the cellar, losing 16 straight, that the other squads hardly gave them a second glance, but with the finish line looming in sight the abused Pats won 5, lost one and tied one in the last 7 games, giving the rest food for a bit of worrying. In fact they've been the stumbling block for the classy North Shore squad, much to the Nipponese delight. If the Shipbuilders don't make the playoff spot, they can blame it on the Pats.

The Diethers are practically a cinch for the bye spot. Manager Ed Henry hasn't such a classy roster as the Shipbuilders, but he has organized his makeshift team into one of the smoothest in the league.

B. Semi-finalists . . . At Langara this Sunday Nippon Golf Club's B Class finalists will be known when George Tanaka matches strokes with Otto Matsui and Sadao Maikawa with Tommy Yoshida. Herby Tanaka and Jimmy Suzuki play off in the a.m., the winner to have the misfortune of meeting the never-ruffled Isogai in the p.m. It looks like Katsukawa vs. Isogai in the final 36-hole grind.

"Fight to the finish!" is evidently not the battle cry for the Kitsilano Busseis. Last Sunday was the same sad tale as Kitsilano, playing a winning game and leading 8-5 until the sixth, allowed Fairview Bluebirds to rally three runs and deadlock the ball game. Another marker in the final stanza finally gave the game to the league-leaders 9-8.

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Tie Pats at 2-All: Suga Stops N.S., 6-2

Asahis need to play only six more scheduled games, and all that is needed is a 500 clip to finish off in third slot for a berth in the playoffs.

Lefty Thompson, Burrard League's famous game buster-upper, gummed up another victory for the Asahis when he poled out a single in the last inning to score the tying run Thursday night. Umpire Vanhatten called the game on account of darkness with the score 2-all for the Asahis and the last-ditch fighting Pats.

Tommy Sawayama and Reg Wallis combined in a regular pitchers' duel, with Tommy getting the best of it until he weakened in the fifth, beaning two Pats. Nishihara relieved and fared well until the final stanza when he allowed Biggan, initial man up, to reach first base on base on balls. Biggan advanced to second on manager Leach's sacrifice and crossed the plate on Lefty Thompson's big hit of the night.

Last Monday Kaz Suga was in rare form as he set down North Shore Shipbuilders 6-2. There were anxious moments last week when Shipbuilders crept up to within half a game of the Asahis, but the Nipponese reps are well off again with a three and a half game lead, a pretty certain cinch to land the playoff spot now.

Asahis	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Yamamura, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	0
Uno, 1b	1	0	0	9	0	0
Maruno, ss	1	0	0	2	2	0
Suga, cf, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Shiraishi, 2f	2	1	1	0	0	0
Mitsui, rf, c	3	0	0	3	0	0
Katsukake, c	3	0	0	4	0	0
Nakamura, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shishido, 2b	4	1	2	2	5	0
Sawayama, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Nishihara, p	1	0	1	0	1	0
Total	24	2	4	21	10	0

Score by Innings:

				R	H	E
Asahis	010	001	0—	2	4	0
Pat. Hotel	000	010	1—	2	4	2

Summary — Double, Faulkner, Vanhatten; Sacrifice hit, Maruno, Suga, Mitsui, Leach, Wallis; Stolen bases, Yamamura, Shishido; Base on balls, off Wallis 5, off Sawayama 3, off Nishihara 1; Struck out by Wallis 6, by Sawayama 1, by Nishihara 1; Hit by pitcher, Leach, Pomfret, Laycock by Sawayama; Runs batted in, Sawayama 1, Biggan 1, Thompson 1; Left on bases, Asahis 11, Patricia Hotel 0.

Asahis	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Yamamura, 3b	2	0	0	0	2	0
Uno, 1b	2	0	0	12	0	0
Maruno, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
Suga, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Shiraishi, lf	1	3	1	0	0	0
Mitsui, c	3	1	1	3	0	0
Nakamura, cf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Nishihara, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Shishido, 2b	2	1	1	2	2	1
Total	20	6	3	21	8	1

Score by Innings:

				R	H	E
North Shore	011	000	0—	2	5	2
Asahis	011	310	x—	6	3	1

Summary—Home run, Jones; Doubles, Shiraishi, Mitsui; Sacrifice hit, Shishido, Uno, Nakamura, Bellam; Runs batted in, Nakamura, Shishido, Maruno, Jones, Mauro; Struck out by Suga 3, by Bellam 2, by Rogers 3; Base on balls off Suga 0, off Bellam 4, off Rogers 2.

Tennis Club Titles:

Sasaki Outlasts Gus To Regain Crown

Fumi Deshima Repeats; 'JT'—Iwasaki Win

Men's Singles: Fred Sasaki
Men's Doubles: J. Tanaka and T. Iwasaki
Ladies' Singles: Fumi Deshima
Ladies' Doubles: Chiyo Hyodo and Teiko Ide
Men's B Singles: T. Yamashita

The 1941 Nippon Tennis Club championships are now settled and in the books is a closed chapter of three weeks of grinding eliminations featured by exhibitions of vastly improved tennis.

Hard-swatting Fred Sasaki, '39 champ, regained the Tsurumi Cup, emblematic of the Men's A singles, which he did not defend last year, by scoring a none-too-convincing victory over hard-fighting Gus Hirano, the dark horse of the tournament. Three weeks of too much tennis was more than Hirano's legs could stand and he was forced to default his third and final game, trailing 4-2 at the time. Hirano's wonderful recovery in the first set when trailing 5-3, finally to emerge victorious with a 9-7 triumph, was one example of his fighting stamina and stubbornness, and had he been in the best of conditions he might have taken Fred Sasaki.

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Tommy Iwasaki and Johnny Tanaka succeeded George Ide and Shig Yamashita as No. 1 tennis doubles in the Nippon Club, to store away for a year the beautiful Nobuoka trophy, donated for the first time this year. The champs had to win the hard way from the top-ranking duo of Shig Ouye and Gus Hirano. The kingpins lost the first set 6-2, but won the next two 6-4 and 6-1.

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In the ladies' singles Fumi Deshima repeated her last year's triumph by defeating smooth-stroking Tomi Mizusawa in the finals 6-4 and 6-3. Fumi proved too consistent for Tomi, who's long layoff due to illness left many rusty spots. Tomi defeated Teiko Ide—6-2, 6-2 in the semis, while Fumi Deshima took a 6-3, 7-5 decision from Tomiko Iwasaki.

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T. Yamashita, a comparative newcomer to the Nippon courts, took the limelight in the men's B singles by outplaying erratic George Kutsuakake in the final rounds. Yamashita had very little difficulty in capturing the championship, taking two quick sets 6-2 and 6-4. He was extended to three sets in the semi by Y. Isobe.

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Chiyo Hyodo and Teiko Ide, smooth working ladies combination, had to go all out in three sets before downing the highly favored Tomiko Iwasaki and Fumi Deshima duo, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-2.

The mixed doubles is still to be completed with Tomi Mizusawa and Shig Yamashita waiting in the final round for the winner of Deshima-Tanaka and E. Nobuoka-S. Ouye semi-final.

The next big items on the Nippon Tennis Club's program for the year is the B. C. Open Japanese Tournament, which is slated for Labor Day weekend.

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